IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1.   (previously presented) A training portal service apparatus for mediation of receiving an application for training between a client organization to which an applicant for training belongs and a training organization which provides a training service, comprising:

a first similarity level storage unit storing a first similarity level indicating a similarity level between one or more pieces of training application information about the client organization and plural pieces of standard training information about the training portal service;

a second similarity level storage unit storing a second similarity level indicating a similarity level between the plural pieces of standard training information and the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization; and

a training mediation unit allowing the applicant for training to select any of plural pieces of standard training information of a first list having higher first similarity levels to the training application information about the client organization specified by the applicant for training, and allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization of a second list having higher second similarity levels to the selected standard training information.

2.   (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising

a similarity level computation unit obtaining importance levels of words configuring each of the training application information, the standard training information, and the training reception information, and obtaining the first and second similarity levels using the importance levels of the words.

3.   (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first and second similarity levels are obtained in a data mining method.

4.   (previously presented) A training portal service apparatus for mediation of receiving an application for training between a client organization to which an applicant for training belongs and a training organization which provides a training service, comprising:

a similarity level storage unit storing a similarity level between one or more pieces of training application information of a first list about the client organization and the plural pieces of training reception information of a second list about the training organization; and

a training mediation unit allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization about the plurality of training organizations having the higher similarity levels to the training application information about the client organization specified by the applicant for training.

5.   (original) The apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising

a similarity level computation unit obtaining importance levels of words configuring each of the training application information, the standard training information, and the training reception information, and obtaining the similarity levels using the importance levels of the words.

6.   (original) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said similarity level is obtained in a data mining method.

7.   (previously presented) A training portal service apparatus for mediation of receiving an application for training between a client organization to which an applicant for training belongs and a training organization which provides a training service, comprising:

first similarity level storage means for storing a first similarity level of a first list indicating a similarity level between one or more pieces of training application information about the client organization and plural pieces of standard training information about the training portal service;

second similarity level storage means for storing a second similarity level of a second list indicating a similarity level between the plural pieces of standard training information and the plural pieces of training reception information; and

training mediation means for allowing the applicant for training to select any of plural pieces of standard training information of a first list having higher first similarity levels to the training application information about the client organization specified by the applicant for training, and allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training

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reception information about the training organization of a second list having higher second similarity levels to the selected standard training information.

8.   (previously presented) A training portal service apparatus for mediation of receiving an application for training between a client organization to which an applicant for training belongs and a training organization which provides a training service, comprising:

similarity level storage means for storing a similarity level between one or more pieces of training application information of a first list about the client organization and the plural pieces of training reception information of a second list about the training organization; and

training mediation means for allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization about the plurality of training organizations having the higher similarity levels to the training application information about the client organization specified by the applicant for training.

9.   (previously presented) A training portal service method for mediation of receiving an application for training between a client organization to which an applicant for training belongs and a training organization which provides a training service, comprising:

computing a first similarity level indicating a similarity level between one or more pieces of training application information about the client organization and plural pieces of standard training information;

computing a second similarity level indicating a similarity level between the plural pieces of standard training information and the plural pieces of training reception information;

allowing the applicant for training to select any of plural pieces of standard training information of a first list having higher first similarity levels to the training application information about the client organization specified by the applicant for training; and

allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization of a second list having higher second similarity levels to the selected standard training information.

10.   (previously presented) A training portal service method for mediation of receiving an application for training between a client organization to which an applicant for training belongs and a training organization which provides a training service, comprising:

computing a similarity level between one or more pieces of training application information of a first list about the client organization and the plural pieces of training reception information of a second list about the training organization; and

allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization about the plurality of training organizations having the higher similarity levels to the training application information about the client organization specified by the applicant for training.

11.   (previously presented) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program used to direct a computer for mediation of receiving an application for training between a client company to which an applicant for training belongs and a training company which provides a training service to perform a process comprising:

computing a first similarity level of a first list indicating a similarity level between one or more pieces of training application information about the client organization and plural pieces of standard training information;

computing a second similarity level of a second list indicating a similarity level between the plural pieces of standard training information and the plural pieces of training reception information;

allowing the applicant for training to select any of plural pieces of standard training information having higher first similarity levels to the training application information about the client organization specified by the applicant for training; and

allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization having higher second similarity levels to the selected standard training information.

12.   (previously presented) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program used to direct a computer for mediation of receiving an application for training between a client company to which an applicant for training belongs and a training company which provides a training service to perform a process comprising:

computing a similarity level between one or more pieces of training application information about the client organization of a first list and the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization of a second list; and

allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization about the plurality of training organizations having the

higher similarity levels to the training application information about the client organization specified by the applicant for training.

13-14. (cancelled)

15.   (previously presented) A method of presenting training materials, comprising:

comparing and ranking user-company training materials relative to a training need of a user in a user-company training list;

comparing and ranking training-company training materials relative to the training need of the user in a training-company training list; and

allowing the user to select training from the user-company training list and the training-company training list.